

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application of which claim 8-9 and 12-18 have been withdrawn. It is acknowledged with appreciation the reinstatement of claims 10-11 following a clerical error.

Claims 1-7 and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0062206 to Leibchen. This rejection is respectively traversed for the reasons of record and discussed during the Examiner's Interview on January 22, 2008 with the Examiner of record, inventor Socha and the undersigned attorney. During this interview, the participants discussed in detail the distinctions made of record in Applicant's prior response. An agreement was reached whereby the Examiner agreed with the distinctions made of record. It is also acknowledged with appreciation the Examiner's indication in the Interview Summary that the invention is patentable over the cited prior art and that prosecution will be re-opened up following this response. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully solicited.

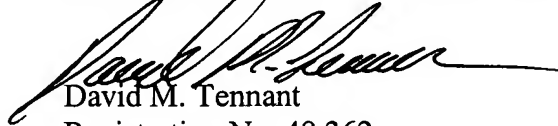
This application stands in condition for allowance. If the Examiner wishes to discuss any other issues with the attorney of record, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at his earliest convenience.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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